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## THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE prospects of the candidates seeking admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the next election, on Monday, the 13th inst., are not so bright as those of the Girls who will compete for the vacancies in the sister Institution on the previous Saturday, for while in the case of the Girls there are twenty-two vacancies to be divided among thirty candidates, in that of the boys there are but twenty-five to be admitted from an approved list of forty-four. Still, the chances of success, even in the candidates for the Boys' School, are very much greater now than was the case with those who competed for the coveted scholarships a few years back. Then it was customary to have a much longer list of candidates, and frequently a smaller number of vacancies; then it was usual for a very large proportion of the candidates to be sent away disappointed, or at least to find themselves shut out from all chance of securing the benefits of the Institution for another six months, but now we are pleased to find that considerably more than half of those eligible can be admitted, while the anxiety imposed on their friends in the collection of votes is considerably lessened by reason of the smaller number required to secure election. On the whole, those who are compelled to seek the benefits of the Educational Institutions of Freemasonry have much to be thankful for just now, for if they can only secure the support of a moderate number of influential brethren, the early admission of a child is certain. We sincerely hope that sufficient funds may always be forthcoming to maintain the Institutions in their present state of usefulness, and to enable them to be extended in proportion to any increase that may occur in the numbers of those needing assistance from them, and found worthy of receiving it. As we have already said, the number of boys seeking admission at this month's election is forty-four, of whom twenty-one are new to the present list, while twenty-three are brought forward from previous ones.

The last applications are three in number. No. 1, James Murray Green, is a candidate who now comes forward for the fifth time, with a total of twenty-three votes to his credit. He is one of two children left to the care of a widowed mother. His father, who died in 1877, was a subscriber to the Craft for ten and a half years, during which time he rose to the position of W.M. of his Mother Lodge—the Royal Clarence, No. 976, Somersetshire—he also filled therein the office of Secretary. This being the only case accredited to this district we hope the brethren there have decided to support the lad in this his last appeal. No. 15, Cuthbert John George Roddam, has not had so severe an experience as a candidate, he having only competed once before, securing 187 votes; he also is one of two children dependent on their mother. His father was initiated in the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, London, and appears to have remained a member of the Order until his death. The support the lad received in October last, small in itself, is yet indicative of an amount of sympathy which should be capable of carrying him through this time, as it is hardly to be supposed so large a number of votes would be polled for a lad whose age bordered so close on the limit fixed for admission if within six months it was to be proved that they had been thrown away. The friends of the lad have much to do, but the Euphrates Lodge members are capable of much if they

only determine on doing it. No. 32, Harold John Walker, the other last application case, now comes forward for the first time. His father, an initiate of Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Warwickshire, is still alive, and has this child and two others dependent on him. In the days of his Masonic membership he rose to the rank of Worshipful Master of his Lodge, and likewise secured the honour of Junior Grand Deacon in his Province, positions which prove he must have secured many friends in the Order; these we trust will now come forward, and practically demonstrate their Masonic fellowship. It may be unkind to this brother, who is compelled to ask for the benefits of the School for one of his family, as well as to those who are supporting the case, yet we must ask our usual question—Why is not the reason stated which renders this case eligible? We think, in fairness to the subscribers, that something should be said on the ballot papers to explain, in face of no particulars, what appears strange.

Both parents being dead always seems to us sufficient to entitle a candidate to especial sympathy. No. 35, William Edward Tappenden is the only lad on the present list so circumstanced. He is the son of an initiate of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, London, and he and two other children are now dependent on friends for their maintenance. His is a new application, and we hope will be so well supported on the 13th that he will be found among the list of successful when the result of the poll comes to be announced.

All the other candidates have one or both their parents living, and all have other chances of competing provided they are unsuccessful on this occasion. We shall now proceed to briefly review the particulars given in each case, taking first those who have already participated in previous elections, and attending to each of them in the order in which they stand as regards number of votes brought forward. In this respect No. 22, Charles Henry Wurr, heads the list, with 754 votes brought forward from the October election of last year. He is one of seven fatherless children, and is accredited to the Province of Nottingham, his father having been initiated there in the Newton Lodge, No. 1661. Judging from what has already been done for this lad, it will not be long ere he is admitted to the School. No. 9, Frank Perkins, follows very closely, his total of recorded votes being 749, but it has taken him two elections to secure that number. He also is one of seven fatherless children. His father, an initiate of Saint James Lodge, No. 765, London, appears to have been a most energetic brother, for although only a subscribing member of the Order for seven and three quarter years, he had secured the rank of P.M. and Secretary of his Lodge; he had also done good work in the cause of Charity, having served as Steward both for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, these qualifications alone, from their comparative rarity among the fathers of candidates, entitle to special consideration. The lad stands a good chance of succeeding in his next attempt, if his friends only support him as they have done in the past. No. 20, Walter John Richards, has a sister in the Girls' School and may himself be said to be half elected to the Boys' Institution, for he brings forward a total of 687 votes from the one previous election in which he has taken part. He is one of two children now dependent on a widowed mother, who, we imagine, will never regret her husband's initiation into Freemasonry, which took place in the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, London, less than twelve months prior to his death. 663 votes

stand to the credit of No. 10, Lewis John Thomas Harvey, who also has a sister in the Girls' School. This lad, one of three children now dependent on their mother, has taken a part in two previous elections. His father was initiated in Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72; he afterwards joined Peckham, No. 1475, and, later on, became one of the founders of Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658. He had qualified as Life Governor of the Boys' School previous to his death, which took place in 1878. No. 6, Stanley Claude Dawson, is a candidate now for the third time, and goes to the poll with 594 votes to his credit. He is one of six children left to the care of a widowed mother. His father was an initiate of the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Surrey. This being the only case from that district we think the brethren thereof might, by united effort, succeed in securing the lad's admission to the School at the coming Election. No. 4, John Sinclair Barker Allan, has already contested three elections, and has secured 574 votes as the result thereof. He is one of a family of four children dependent on their mother. His father was admitted into Freemasonry in the Friendship Lodge, No. 100, Norfolk, and was a member there until within a short time of his death. No. 12, Percy White Musgrave, one of five fatherless children, appears now for the second time. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and his friends will no doubt soon secure a place for him in the Boys' Institution, they having polled 481 votes on his behalf in October last. His father was a member of two London Lodges that are noted for the way in which they care for any who, through misfortune, are compelled to make appeal for assistance—the Acacia, No. 1309, and the Metropolitan, No. 1507. The members of the latter Lodge alone have before now carried an election in a comparatively short space of time, and doubtless can again; let us see if they will so manage this lad's case during the coming contest. No. 3, Benjamin Meeds Hildred, is another who has a sister in the Girls' School, but even now there are eight children dependent on his widowed mother. The lad comes forward for the fifth time, and brings forward 403 votes, a number which will have to be materially increased ere long, or the age limit will put an end to all efforts on his behalf. His father was an initiate of the Harmony Lodge, No. 272, Lincolnshire, and rose to the dignity of Grand Deacon in that Province. No. 23, Harry Edwards Henshaw, is yet another who has a sister in the Girls'. The present is his second application for admission to the Boys' School, and he goes to the poll with 326 votes to his credit; he and two other children are yet dependent on their mother. His father was an initiate of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, and died in 1879. No. 11, Samuel William Knight, is next in order. He has already taken part in two elections, and brings forward 311 votes as the result thereof. He and two other children are dependent on their mother, the widow of an old member of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London. No. 16, Francis Buckland Brocksopp Kent, polled 307 votes in October last, that being the first election in which he took part. He is one of five children left to the care of a widowed mother, whose state of health necessitates some kindly assistance, and which will doubtless be accorded by those who were acquainted with her husband. The late Brother Kent was an initiate of West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, London. No. 13, John Nicol McMillan, one of a family of six, of whom two only are partially provided for, has both parents living; but the father is insane, an affliction which alone should entitle the case to attention from all who have not yet pledged their votes. The boy has a sister in the Girls' School, and has had polled on his behalf 257 votes. His father was initiated in a South American Lodge; afterwards joined Inniskillen and St. Patrick's Lodges in Ireland, where he rose to the dignity of W.M., and finally became a member of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, London. He has qualified as Life Governor of the two Schools, and we trust his family will secure such further assistance from them as they are able to afford. No. 5, Arthur Warner, is one of six dependent children of a late W.M. of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, London. At present he has not secured any very great support, having only polled 230 votes at the last three elections, at each of which he was a candidate. Perhaps his friends are reserving their strength for the October election of the present year, which will be his last chance, but it is doubtful if that occasion will be so favourable as the present one—it is therefore to be hoped that

something special may be attempted for him this month. No. 19, Isaac Harold Lester, has the good fortune to be the son of a Kentish Mason, his father having been an initiate of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, and afterwards a joining member of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208. Not only, therefore, has this lad the benefit of being accredited to a good Province, but the two Lodges with which his father associated himself are amongst the most charitable in that benevolent county. So far this lad has secured 187 votes; he was a candidate for the first time in October last. He and four other children are dependent on their widowed mother. No. 17, Algernon Sackville West, son of an old P.M. of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, London, who has a sister in the Girls' School, now makes a second application for admission to the Boys'. He has 170 votes already polled on his behalf, and doubtless friends at his back capable of recording as many more as may be needed to place him among the pupils of the Institution. He and one other child are dependent on their mother. No. 7, Arthur Moore, has 102 votes to his credit, as the result of two past contests. He is one of five children, of whom two are partially provided for. His father was initiated in the Montague Lodge, No. 665, Dorset, and rose to the honour of Senior Grand Deacon in that Province. No. 8, Alfred Thompson Mushens, has also competed at two elections, but all he has to show for it are 14 votes. He is one of three children dependent on their mother, the widow of an initiate of Williamson Lodge, No. 949, Durham. No. 14, George Cannon, an only child for whom his mother has to provide, secured 11 votes in October last. The case is accredited to Northumberland, his father having been initiated in the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481. No. 21, Albert Taylor also made a start at the last Election when 7 votes were polled for him. He is one of five fatherless children, from the Province of East Lancashire, and will doubtless secure attention from the brethren of that model Province when his turn comes. For his sake and for the sake of his mother, we hope he has not long to wait. No. 2, Frederick Teilo Davis, has stood four elections and has secured two votes. Such a state of affairs, however, does not imply neglect when we look to the Province to which he is accredited—the Eastern Division of South Wales. So perfect are the arrangements in that district as regards the Elections for the Charities that, as we here see, all votes can be diverted from any particular candidate until his turn comes; when that happens for this lad, as we trust it soon will, he will not have to wait long outside the portals of the School. He is one of five fatherless children. No. 18, Arthur Taylor Richardson, is the only candidate who comes forward without something in the way of recorded votes to his credit. His father was a Devonshire Mason, having been initiated in Jordan Lodge, No. 1402. He is one of two children dependent on their mother, who was left a widow in 1880.

The new cases, other than those already disposed of, are nineteen in number. No. 24, Cecil Taylor Hamerton, is one of six children, whose father was initiated in an Irish Lodge, afterwards joined True and Faithful Lodge, No. 318, Cornwall, which he subscribed to until his death, in 1883. No. 26, William Forrest Morley, is also one of six dependent children. His father was initiated in the Cambrian Lodge, No. 364, Eastern Division South Wales, and died in 1878. No. 42, Edward Bembridge Hickenbotham, is one of six fatherless children, of whom one is partially provided for. His father was initiated in Fletcher Lodge, No. 1031 Warwickshire; was a P.M. and Provincial Grand Junior Warden, and a Founder of the Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1644. No. 27, Alfred Ernest Astrington, is one of five children dependent on their mother. His father was initiated in Old England Lodge, No. 1790, London, and died in June of last year. No. 30, Frederick Hanmer France, and No. 38, Edward Lloyd Reynolds, are each members of families in which five children are dependent on widowed mothers. The father of the former was initiated in the Salopian Lodge, No. 252, North Wales and Salop; and of the latter in the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, Hertfordshire. No. 36, Ambrose Charles Harold Warren, No. 39, John Stephens Skurray, and No. 44, Frederick William Pattison, are each members of families of four fatherless children, accredited to London, Wiltshire and West Lancashire respectively. Skurray has a sister in the Girls' School. There are five candidates where the number of dependent children are three, and five where the number is only two. The former are No. 31, James Talbot Scarfe (Hertfordshire), No. 37, George James Senior (Malta),

No. 40, James Hall Oscroft (Derbyshire), No. 41, Francis Walford Higgison (Staffordshire), and No. 43, Percy Gibbs (Hants and Isle of Wight); the latter, No. 25, Thomas Robert Foord (Kent), No. 28, Charles Ernest Haxthausen (Hants and Isle of Wight), No. 29, William Percy Cole (London), No. 33, Neville Innes Chamberlain (Bombay), and No. 34, Frank Murley Watkins (London). In each of these ten cases—excepting No. 28, Charles E. Haxthausen, the father is dead. In the case of No. 28, the father is living. No reason is assigned for the appeal now made on behalf of his child, but we suppose there are circumstances which render the lad eligible.

There is one point to which we may refer here in regard to the list of candidates we have just reviewed, and it is one upon which a letter has been addressed to us by a correspondent who, we know, is among those who take a great interest in the Charities. We refer to the number of cases in which the candidates have now, or had, a brother or a sister in the Schools. We are of opinion that when the laws were altered in 1879 it was intended that only one member of a family should be eligible for the Institutions, "unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates," but whether this was the case or not it is very certain that the rule is not so construed. We shall be pleased to insert any letter which may be addressed to us on this subject, as we feel it is one which requires ventilation.

### THE ANTIQUITY OF FREEMASONRY.

ONE great stumbling-block in the way of rational investigation is caused by extravagant expectations, and an unphilosophical demand for a too exact correspondence between alleged ancient Masonic organizations, and the emblems relating to them, with modern Masonic bodies, their degrees, emblems, verbal rituals, and the modern version of our ancient legends. Many worthy brothers, among whom are some of much learning, seem to entertain the idea that unless we go to the full extent of demonstrating that the ancient Mysteries were identical in all respects with modern Masonry, including not only our present ritual and Lodge-work, but also the division and order of the degrees, that our arguments amount to nothing, and afford no proof of the antiquity of our Fraternity.

Nothing less, I fear, would convince this class of investigators than the discovery of the whole ritual or catechism, beginning at "From whence came you?" &c.—as authorized by the Grand Lodge of their State—sculptured in hieroglyphics, or written in Coptic on a roll of papyrus from an Egyptian tomb. Certainly all such expectations are unreasonable and unphilosophical. Rest assured we shall never find any proof that Lodges exactly like ours, presided over by a Worshipful Master and Wardens, and conferring the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master's degree, existed in ancient Egypt. Freemasonry has undergone many modifications since the day of its advent; yet it has preserved its identity, as well as all of its vital principles and most exalted features in all ages.

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The antiquity of our Fraternity and its identity are established, not so much by any close correspondence of our present ritual and emblems with those of ancient times (as some investigators illogically look for), as from other considerations. It is quite enough if we are able to discover in ancient times, when polytheism was the dominant state religion in all nations, societies possessed of similar organizations, and, like Freemasonry, teaching the two great doctrines of the unity of God, as One Eternal Spiritual Being, and the immortality of the soul of man—societies like Masonry, secret in their nature, and possessed of words, signs, and other occult modes of recognition, also of similar but not identical form of initiation, the ceremonies of which were founded upon a similar legend, allegory, myth, the same in substance, and only differing as to the name, era, and nationality of its hero—societies which taught the same truths by similar and in many cases the very same emblems, signs, and symbols. These things certainly demonstrate the identity of modern Freemasonry with those ancient organizations, just as conclusively as the identity of modern Christianity, as a system of religion, with that of the first century or any intermediate time, is

established by a like train of reasoning and correspondence. If, on the contrary, we confine our attention to the present condition of Freemasonry, as disclosed in the various degrees and "rites" into which it has divided itself, just as Christianity has split into Catholics and Protestants, and the latter again into numerous sects—if we regard nothing but the verbal form of our ritual—it is easy to show that Masonry is not of any very great antiquity. The date and even the authorship of some parts of our verbal ritual can be and have been traced, but neither the Chevalier Ramsey nor yet those who met at the famous "Appletree Tavern," in 1717, were the founders and inventors of Freemasonry, any more than Luther and Wesley were the authors of the Christian religion.

If we view Masonry from a rational standpoint, and contemplate its mystic legends and allegories in their substance, without regard to the modern language in which they are now clothed; if we investigate the meaning of its ceremonies, without regard to the specific words now used in conducting them; if we study the signs, symbols, and emblems, disregarding the erroneous modern explanation given to many of them—the great antiquity of Masonry is at once apparent. It is now admitted on all sides that all the ancient Mysteries were identical, and had a common origin from those of Egypt, a conclusion which has been reached by the same method of reasoning and comparison. The legend of Osiris is the parent stock from which all the others came, but in Greece and Asia Minor the name of Osiris disappeared, and those of Dionysus and Bacchus were substituted, while in the Hebrew-Tyrian temple legend the name of Hiram is found. The claim, however, that the legend of Hiram is an actual history, descriptive of events which really took place about the time of the building of King Solomon's temple, must be abandoned by the few who still blindly cling to it.

Masonry can no longer hope to stand without criticism in this age of inquiry. There is a spirit abroad which does not hesitate to catch Antiquity by its grey beard, stare into its wrinkled face, and demand upon what authority, of right, reason, or authentic history, it founds its pretensions. The Masonic tradition cannot hope to escape examination in its turn; and, when it is examined, it will not stand the test as claiming to be *historically* true. If, then, we have no explanation to offer, it must be discarded, and take its place among many other exploded legends of the past. By showing, however, that it is not *intended* as an actual history, but is really a sublime allegory of great antiquity, teaching the profoundest truths of astronomy, and inculcating, by an ancient system of types, symbols, and emblems, an exalted code of morals, we at once reply to and disarm all that kind of criticism. The Masonic Order is thus placed on a loftier plane, and assumes a position which challenges the respect and admiration of both the learned and virtuous; the learned, because they will thus be enabled to recognize it as the depository of an ancient system of scientific knowledge; the virtuous, because the Order also stands revealed to them as having been in past ages the preserver of true worship, and the teacher of morality and brotherly love. It has been the boast of Masonry that its ritual contained great scientific as well as moral truths. While this was plainly the fact as to the moral teachings of our Order, to a large number of our most intelligent brothers the key which alone could unlock the Masonic treasury of *scientific* truth appeared to have been lost. We believe that key is at length restored; for, if the Masonic traditions and legends, with the ritual illustrating them, are regarded as astronomical allegories, the light of scientific truth is at once seen to illuminate and permeate every part. And if this explanation is correct, any person who fully understands the meaning and intention of the legends and ceremonies, symbols and emblems of our Order, is necessarily well informed as to the sciences of astronomy and geometry, which form the foundation of all the others.—*Brown's Stellar Theology and Masonic Astronomy.*

The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at the Wanderers' Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W., by Bro. James Terry P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, P.Z., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Lodge will be opened at 6.30 p.m.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

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## UNFAIR CLAIMS ON THE CHARITIES.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you please give me some part of your space for the expression of my opinion on what I deem an error in the system of management of the Masonic Schools. I allude to the admission of more than one member of a family to the benefits of the Institutions, to the exclusion of others equally and perhaps more deserving, though not so fortunate. I had an idea there was a law to prevent more than one child of a family being admitted, but such can hardly be the case, as evidenced by the balloting papers for the next elections. I there find ten instances in which it is sought to secure for a second child of a family admission to our Schools, and that in the face of there being seventeen other candidates beyond the number of vacancies. In the case of the Girls one of the candidates has a brother in the Boys' School, while another has had a sister educated in the Girls' School. In the case of the Boys there are no less than eight of the applicants who have sisters in the other Institution. Is this fair, just, equitable or advisable? I think not. However deserving a case may be, I think that if the Masonic Schools take one of the children they should not be asked to do more until all the other families desiring assistance have received something, and this of course can only be determined when there are not as many candidates as there are vacancies. I shall be very pleased to learn the views of other subscribers on this point, and if you will do me the honour of inserting this letter it may lead to the expression of some opinions.

I am, &c.

A SUPPORTER OF THE SCHOOLS.

## ABUSE OF THE BALLOT.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The minds of some brethren just now are much exercised as to the right use of the ballot in Lodges. As to theory there can be no question. Every Lodge regulates the admission of members after its own fashion, the prevailing rule being that three black balls exclude. In some cases one black ball excludes. The principle is a right one, though, like other principles, it is open to abuse. Or, as Scotia's bard, Brother Burns, puts it in his "Poem to a Mouse"—

The best laid schemes o' mice an' men  
Gang aft a-gley.

The ballot is just one of those dangerous instruments by the use of which vicious men may gratify their feelings of revenge. When used spitefully it is the weapon of the assassin. Its proper use is the safeguard of individuals and protection to the Lodge. I do not see how it is possible to prevent the misuse of the ballot, except it be by extending the number of black balls. If this were done it is hardly likely that a sufficient number of vicious malcontents could be found banded together to gratify their spite. Where, however, disaffection runs high, there is generally some justification for the resort to extreme measures. I do not say that the ruthless exclusion of innocent men can be justified, but that the evil temper that prevails has some foundation, however slight, for its existence. A Master of a Lodge, if he be discreet and generous, can generally regulate these matters. If not, the Secretary and the Past Masters ought to be able to compose differences. To seek to discover the blackballers would be a violation of the principle of the ballot, and all that can be done is by precept and example to enforce the moral obligation which every one accepts when he becomes a Freemason. Whenever it is known that an obnoxious person is to be proposed, it is wise for those who object to quietly lay the facts before the W.M. and the Secretary, and the Lodge must be in a bad way indeed if some satisfactory arrangement cannot be come to. If any overt offensive act is done by any one in authority no surprise need be felt if reprisals are taken. When such is the case it would be better by far to suspend the Lodge Warrant for a time, for morally the Lodge is defunct. A case occurred in my own Lodge, where a candidate was proposed, whose character and social position were objected to by some of the members. The matter was quietly laid before the Secretary. He caused inquiries to be made, and found that the representations of the complaining brethren were well founded. He informed the mover and seconder of the candidate of the position of affairs, and as loyal brethren they at once withdrew the nomination. Mark the sequel. The facts were known to an old Past Master of another Lodge, a Preceptor of a Lodge of Instruction, and a P.Z., and he either nominated or got the rejected candidate nominated in his own Lodge. The action of my Lodge was defied, and another Lodge, without inquiry, accepted the material we thought unworthy. I can positively vouch for the fact that there was no personal feeling with regard to the candidate so far as we were concerned; the Lodge simply acted up to its sense of duty. It was foiled in what I term an unworthy manner, but we had no remedy. There are many things done in this life which the laws of courtesy and kindness alone can regulate, and when this law is absent, and vindictive feelings take its place, the purest institution in the world is powerless to protect itself. The only plan is to

avoid cause of offence, for those in authority to be above suspicion, and then when the evil day comes the strength of loyalty will be too much for the disaffected. Masonry to be worth anything should approach its ideal as closely as possible, and no opportunity should be lost of enforcing the moral and spiritual lessons inculcated in the ceremonies. The Lodge is happy and prosperous in proportion to the standard of morality it has attained. When suspicion has no foothold, when the acts of the brethren are accepted without question as to their *bona fides*, then disaffection cannot rear its head, and laws become mere records, because they are not needed in operation. I accept the ballot as a necessary adjunct to the carrying out of some of the affairs of the Lodge, but I honour and revere the courtesy that is born of chivalry and kindly feeling.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

BALLOT.

## INTEMPERANCE AND FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The title of my letter may be somewhat repugnant to the taste of my brother Masous, but I hardly feel myself justified in removing the little prefix "In" from the first word, although, perhaps that would leave almost as good a title as the one I have adopted. Inasmuch, however, as it is my desire to refer to an intemperate, and to my mind unmasonic title, I accept the responsibility of the connection I have associated Freemasonry with and proceed to my subject. Both you and your contemporary have in many cases recently prefixed a "W." to the initial "S." used in your reports to signify the Stewards of our Lodges. What does this mean? I am informed it signifies "Wine Steward," and that the revised title is now becoming general in many Lodges, the brother appointed as "Steward" being formally invested as "Wine Steward" and his duties in the latter capacity being graphically described. Is this a fact? If so, I certainly think those who use the prefix are acting wrongly. Where do our Lodges get their authority from to appoint or retain a Wine Steward? Is such a title calculated to add to our reputation for Temperance? I think not, and I also feel that the use of the, to me, obnoxious prefix should ere this have called forth official denunciation from the rulers of the Craft.

I am, &c.

A SENSITIVE ONE.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "VIA MEDIA" has a somewhat elastic conscience. He admits that he has often thought, with me, that "the practice of drinking and smoking during the progress of business in Lodges of Instruction is not compatible with the 'exposition of the most sublime system of morality.'" But then, he urges, the whole matter has been threshed out, and the happy—I was going to say the naughty, therefore nice—conclusion has been arrived at "that too hard and fast a line cannot be drawn." I do not see that any line is drawn at all by anything advanced by "VIA MEDIA." The whole case, according to his reasoning, is just where it was. Every brother has been and apparently is to remain a "law unto himself," and the enjoyment of social pleasure is to take rank with duty and reverence. I never compared the practices of a Lodge with "a drinking bout in a tap room," and I certainly cannot subscribe to the theory that a brother's indulgence is, as a rule, limited to one glass. If that were so, I do not think publicans would be quite so ready as they appear to be to have Lodges of Instruction at their houses. "VIA MEDIA" says, "the innate consciousness of the brethren causes them naturally to cease from smoking during the more reverent portions of the ceremonies." This admission seems to me to yield the whole case. He must have a very discriminating judgment who can determine between that which is "reverent," "more reverent," and to make comparison complete, "most reverent," in our ceremonies. The spirit of reverence reaches from the beginning to the end; it only takes different forms, and is only more or less beautiful according to the degree that is being rehearsed. There is scarcely a paragraph throughout the three ceremonies that does not breathe religious and moral truths, and these, as a whole, and not in degree, claim our reverence. Smoking and drinking are, logically speaking, as incongruous in a Lodge of Instruction as they would be in a church or chapel. I pass over the welcome myth about the "fragrant weed," and a glass of ale assisting memory. Neither the habit of concentration nor memory needs any such stimulus.

Further on, "VIA MEDIA" quits my company altogether. He says: "To grumble at this one little fault (meaning smoking and drinking), if it can be called a fault at all, is to strain at a gnat and swallow a camel." He forgets that he has already swallowed a very respectable camel in admitting much that I have stated to be true. Then I am rebuked for suggesting that the Lodge should be called off to allow of the brethren taking refreshment, or that the hours of labour should be shortened. No, says "VIA MEDIA," let the brethren who have conscientious scruples as to combining social enjoyment with instruction look elsewhere for what they desire; "for my own part, I thoroughly enjoy my cigar while listening to, and endeavouring to learn, the routine of our interesting ceremonies; and look upon an evening at my Lodge of Instruction as one of the most soothing, agreeable, and edifying of the week." A brother seeking instruction has a right to expect it to be broadly the same everywhere, and it is not competent for any other brother virtually to say that if he does not like what he gets at certain Lodges, he must go elsewhere. The complaining brother knows all that perfectly well, but it is no

answer to his complaint, and to tell him he must "lump" what he does not like, and what his conscience tells him is wrong, is very much like tyranny. But then the whole truth leaks out in the closing paragraph. "VIA MEDIA" likes his weed and his beer; they soothe him, and instruction under such conditions is agreeable and edifying. Well, perhaps this is all true. As I said before, it is a condition of things very acceptable to an elastic conscience, but scarcely in agreement with the entire teaching of the Craft.

As Lodges of Instruction are generally conducted, there is great sameness and monotony. The desire for creature comforts under such circumstances is not to be wondered at. Dulness is not a necessary accompaniment, however, to instruction, and it is not essential to always get through a given quantity of work each evening. What is done should be done well and thoroughly, and instead of merely rehearsing the ceremonies it would be better to question the relevancy of phrases and the meaning of terms. By this means a true spirit of inquiry would be evoked, a new interest created, and the desire for beer and smoke would yield to the nobler demand for knowledge. There are many words and phrases in the ritual of Freemasonry which cannot be considered in print; they would come rightly under discussion in a Lodge of Instruction. I am aware that better Preceptors would be required, and no doubt they would be forthcoming were the demand for improved teaching as general as it ought to be. How many there are who lament the lack of interest taken by the mass of the brethren in Masonic literature. How can it be otherwise with the present dull level of Lodges of Instruction? Now and then a battle is fought between "Emulation" and "Stability" working, and sometimes a brother may make a bold innovation upon accepted theories; but as a rule the instruction is confined to the mere repetition of the ceremonies and lectures according to the style followed in each particular school. There is nothing edifying about this; it is a parrot-like training, adapted to the meanest capacity, but not calculated to excite a desire for deeper inquiry, nor to satisfy it when it exists.

I would make our Lodges of Instruction real schools, and as teachers in ordinary schools are bound to understand what they teach, and to prove their power by giving object lessons, so should Preceptors be men learned in Masonic lore and capable of giving an intelligent, if not always correct, explanation of every phrase and symbol. Just as ordinary schools have now become pleasant as well as more instructive places, so would Lodges of Instruction answer their high privileges were they to follow a similar plan.

If beer and smoke still be considered desirable they might be enjoyed either at calling off time or at the close of labour. The latter method I should prefer, because an opportunity would be afforded of discussing many matters of Masonic interest that do not belong to the ceremonies. I once saw this plan adopted on a limited scale, and do not hesitate to say that it was eminently agreeable. An hour devoted to the consideration of questions affecting the Charities, the office of Grand Treasurer, the conduct of Grand Lodge, and various other matters would be most beneficial, and certainly would not lack in interest. Masons would thus come to have a higher view of their duties and responsibilities, would become intelligent judges instead of partial recorders of the opinions of individuals and cliques. Knowledge grows by what it feeds upon, and as there is no limit to the supply, there would be no end to the growth. A never-ceasing interest would ensue, and the demand for Masonic books and papers would necessarily increase. The present almost Cimmerian darkness that prevails in the minds of the majority of the Craft as to the moral and spiritual meaning of the ceremonies would vanish, and light, more light, would illumine the Masonic path.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As rather an old Mason it strikes me that lately there has been an unnecessary amount of criticism written and uttered as to the manner in which Lodges of Instruction are conducted, and for which I fail to see there has been any adequate provocation. It would have given some idea of the necessity of a change in the working and conduct of Lodges of Instruction had any evil been pointed out as injurious to the interests of the Craft, but as such has not been done, I am led to believe that it has not been found to exist. When we consider the growth of Lodges of Instruction year after year in the Metropolitan area, numbering about 130, I think it can be taken as very fair evidence that they are doing their work well, and when we consider the very liberal sums they annually present to the Masonic Institutions there does not appear much to complain of. Under these circumstances I would humbly suggest that it would be as well "to let well alone," and not attempt to enforce any alteration from outside, but leave each Lodge to regulate its business in its own way, when that is compatible with the Constitutions of the Order. As to the recommendation of Bro. Pierpoint, W.M. of the Domastic Lodge, lately expressed, that it is the duty of the Masters and Officers of Lodges to pay occasional visits to Lodges of Instruction established under their banners, with this I entirely concur, but allow me to observe that this is by no means a new recommendation, for as far back as 1864, when I had the honour of filling the chair of the Domastic Lodge, I frequently expressed the same views, not only to the Officers, but to members of the Lodge, and to give an earnest to my advice I often visited the Domastic Lodge of Instruction, which was then held at the Holyrood Palace Hotel, in the Strand, which stood on the site of the New Law Courts. I once took the chair on the occasion of working the Fifteen Sections while occupying the chair of the Mother Lodge. I do

not put this forward in any boasting spirit, but mention it merely to show that the necessity of attending Lodges of Instruction was not neglected, but enforced, many years ago.

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M. 177.

30th March 1885.

### TALKATIVE MASONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can nothing be done to put a check on that happily few and far between abomination—the talkative Mason; the brother who will speak under some pretext or other at every meeting he attends? I trust, however, no member of this band will ask you to put a stop to the Mason who will write—taking me as an example—and yet if one does so, it will be a fair case of tit for tat, and may perhaps lead to some good in the end. I have recently, as a Visitor at some of our most popular Lodges, had much of my enjoyment spoilt by being compelled to listen to the twaddle of a talkative brother I have had the misfortune to meet on several occasions. Really it has been a misfortune to meet him, although to say so may not be in strict accordance with the teachings of the Order. He pushes himself forward in the most obtrusive manner, and on one occasion in particular had the bad taste to persist in speaking out of turn in direct opposition to the "call" of the Worshipful Master, much to the disgust of several Past Masters who were present, and some of whom did not fail to express their surprise at the ruler of the Lodge being overruled by a visitor. It was the Worshipful Master's first night in the chair, and from what I have heard, it will not be safe for my talkative friend to try his persevering tactics again in that Lodge. The Master has not forgotten the way in which the occurrence was referred to by some of his friends afterwards, and will I think take care the offence is not repeated. Surely, Sir, your representatives can recognise among the more familiar faces they meet some one or two of the class I refer to, and if when they recognise them they will avoid all reference to what they say something perhaps will be done to put a stop to the "talk" I and others object to, for I believe that the vanity of these effusive members is increased when they see their utterances reported in the journals of the Craft.

I am, &c.

AN ADMIRER OF DEEDS RATHER THAN WORDS.

### THE MATRON OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I gather from your report of the proceedings at the last General Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, supplemented by information gathered from other quarters, that our dear old friend Miss Jarwood is suffering from the effects of a long-well-spent life; in other words that she is getting too old to carry out her duties as Matron of our Girls' School, without entailing on her unnecessary trouble and anxiety. I wish to know if there is any necessity for us any longer to impose on her the responsibilities attaching to her office? I believe she has been officially associated with the Institution for upwards of fifty years, and has, I think, fairly earned a full retiring pension. It would not be a grave act of extravagance to offer her retirement on full pay, and I for one should like to hear of her enjoying her remaining days in the peace and quietness she so well deserves. Doubtless she is attached to the School in which she has spent so much of her life, and perhaps would not care to leave it, but like many others similarly circumstanced she would soon find the benefit of relief from the cares and anxieties which must necessarily surround her office, and such a course would no doubt add a few years to her already lengthy life. I will not refer to the course taken by the Committee in creating another officer, an *acting* Matron, further than to say that I consider such an act impolitic, unbusiness-like, and almost implicative of slight to the dear old lady who has endeared herself to all friends of the School in the past, and who, I hope, has yet many years to spend among us.

I am, &c.

A SUBSCRIBER R.M.I.G.

### TRADING ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have recently seen references in Masonic Reports to the trade or profession of the Master, Officers or Brethren of several Lodges. I must say I feel such references are out of place. In the last number of your contemporary a sort of apology is offered for the omission of mention of an initiate's particular branch of business, who we are now told is "an agent for a firm of ink makers." This reference can hardly have been made without a request from the brother more particularly concerned, who being young to the Craft may perhaps be excused for this unmasonic outburst; but what can we say of your contemporary? Surely the Editor ought to know that to blazon forth to the world the business of an initiate is in direct opposition to the teachings of Freemasonry.

Yours fraternally,

TRADITIONAL.

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## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THE title of this Lodge seems to be fully justified, if success may be tested by increasing numbers, a goodly balance in hand, and a liberal support given at all times to the Charities. The members held their installation meeting on the 26th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Rich; Hawkins S.W., Walters J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, Brown P.M. Secretary, Dyson S.D., Haller J.D., Wall I.G.; P.M.'s Chivers (Father of the Lodge), Cornwall, Daniel, Chicken, Arnold, Roberts, Schadler, Leins, and a large number of Visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. Galton P.M. 173, Buckland 1338, Vincent P.M. 1963, Brown 975, Wisloy 1426, Chivers P.M. late 65, Akehurst 1623, Neale 179, Rabarda 901, Voisey P.M. 1641, Cusworth P.M. 813, Halford P.P.S.G.D. Hertfordshire, Chapman W.M. 1922, Jaquet 1501, Colledge 1693, Glyn 1426, Thompson 1471, Raymond 1716, Cruikshank P.M. 177, Snow 1728, Stokes 1963, Nash 73, Collings 1693, Cooper J.W. 1693, Marsden S.W. 1329, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After preliminaries had been duly observed as regards opening, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' Report was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge Funds, as well as the Benevolent Fund, were in a prosperous condition. Bro. Bradford No. 669, and J. Waterer No. 765, were elected members. Bros. Hardwick and Wooldridge were raised to the third degree, and Bros. Sparrow and Wormesley were passed. The ceremonies were all well worked. A Board of Installed Masters was now opened, and Bro. J. H. Hawkins P.M. 1693 S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W. Master Bro. Schadler impressively gave the addresses, Bro. Roberts P.M. acting as D.C. All were perfect in their working. On the re-admission of the brethren the customary salutations were given, and the W.M. appropriately appointed and invested his Officers, as follow, Bros. Rich I.P.M., Wall P.M. 1743 S.W., Dyson J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, Haller S.D., Stafford J.D., Ruse I.G., Haynes W.M. 27 D.C., Carey A.D.C., Harriss W.C., Speight P.M. Tyler (for the 26th time). Applause followed the investment of each Officer. The question of a Summer Banquet was brought under consideration, and a Committee appointed to make arrangements. The widow of a deceased brother was relieved, with £10 10s. After hearty good wishes had been given by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, 84 in number, sat down to a *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, and superintended by Bro. Mills. The cuisine was perfect, and the artistic programmes, designed by Bro. Ferry P.M., were much admired. The W.M. in brief but appropriate terms proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the National Anthem and God Bless the Prince of Wales being enthusiastically received. Bro. Rich said he had been entrusted with the gavel to propose the next toast, which was always received with an amount of pleasure—it was the health of the W.M. Bro. Hawkins knew his work thoroughly; he had passed the chair in another Lodge. He would now ask them to give a hearty reception to the toast, and hoped that Bro. Hawkins would have a successful year of office. The W.M. in reply said, during the past year they had had a very good Master; personally he thanked him for his kind expressions; he would strive to follow in the footsteps of the I.P.M., and hoped by the time he should be called upon to leave the chair he should have secured many more friends; he would strive to do all in his power to gain their approval. In speaking to the toast of the I.P.M., the W.M. said Bro. Rich had ably performed the duties of the chair, to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and he had great pleasure in presenting him with the Past Master's jewel. He thought he would have especial pleasure in wearing it, as it had been unanimously voted, and all agreed he well deserved it; he wished him long life and prosperity. With the jewel he had also to present a very elegant clock and two vases, which the brethren desired him to accept. No Master had better earned such gifts; they testified to the respect he was held in by all. Bro. Rich was enthusiastically received. It was with great pleasure he rose to return thanks for their valuable gifts. He was gratified to see the brethren display such unity; he was proud, moreover, that after so many years of his having aspired to the chair that he had attained his wish. He begged to return his grateful thanks; he should ever feel, when wearing the jewel, that it was a further incentive for him to work for them with heart and mind. Again, he took their gifts as a recognition of kindness both to him and his family, who would look upon them as a recognition of appreciation. The W.M. next asked the brethren to drink the health of Bro. Schadler. Those who heard him perform the portion of the ceremony entrusted to him must have appreciated his excellent working, and he would ask the brethren to drink his hearty good health, and would couple with it the name of Bro. Roberts. Bro. Schadler, in responding, said the honours of the day were due to Bro. Rich. As for the portion of the ceremony he had given, he was pleased that his efforts had gained their approval; he sincerely thanked them. Bro. Roberts also responded; he was pleased to know his work in the installation ceremony had been approved of. He thanked Brother Schadler for his assistance. Bros. Chapman, Stokoe, and Ackerman were named to reply for the Visitors. The former Brother said the working of the Lodge of Prosperity was well known; nothing further need be said on that point; its hospitality was also proverbial; he wished the brethren further prosperity. Bros. Stokoe and Ackerman also acknowledged the toast. The Worshipful Master in speaking to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary said, no one had the interests of the Lodge and the Masonic Charities more at heart than Bro. Brown; for his valuable assistance in the Lodge he could hardly find words to express all he desired to say. The same might be urged in favour of Bro. Goodwin. Bro. Brown in reply said, in the course of 10 years the Lodge had sent up a sum of £1,820 to the Masonic Charities,

while from other sources he had received a further sum of £147. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s; there was a goodly array of them; their names were treasured in Freemasonry, and might be written in letters of gold. Incidentally he would mention that the Worshipful Master was a Steward for the Girls' School, and he hoped his list would reach a large amount. With the toast of the Past Masters he would associate the names of Bros. Ferry and Roberts. In response the W.M. was assured the Past Masters would support him. Brothers Wall Senior Warden, Dyson Junior Warden, Haller, Sparrow, Ruse, Haynes, Carey, and Harup each responded for the Officers. Then the Tyler's toast was given. During the evening, a capital selection of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. Chapman. We append the Programme. National Anthem, "God Save the Queen," Bro. A. Thompson; Song, "God Bless the Prince of Wales"—Bro. J. Stock; Song, "The Wanderer"—Bro. B. Neale; Song, "I fear no foe"—Bro. R. J. Voisey; Song, "Oh! hear the wild winds blow"—Bro. Akehurst; Song, "John Wellington Wells"—Bro. J. W. Chapman; Song, "Tell her I love her so"—Bro. A. Thompson; Song, "The Love Chase"—Bro. E. Wesley; Glee, "King Cannte"—Bros. Taylor, Thompson, and Chapman; Song, "The press gang"—Bro. Akehurst; Song, "The Boatswain's Story"—Bro. Voisey; Song, "Oft in the stilly night"—Bro. A. Thompson; Song, "He did and he didn't know why"—Bro. G. Danter; Song, "The monkey and the masher"—Bro. J. Sparrow; Song, "The Skipper"—Bro. Chapman; Glee, "Sleep, Gentle Lady," Bros. Neale and Chapman.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 348.

THE monthly meeting was held on Thursday, 26th ultimo, at the Bull's Head Inn, Bolton. Bros. John Partington W.M., R. H. Philips S.W., W. Chadwick J.W., J. Kenyon P.M. Treas., J. Alcock P.M. Secretary, R. Jones S.D., James Eekersley J.D., J. B. Taylor P.M. I.G., W. H. Alcock P.M. Assistant D.C., Thomas Higson Tyler; H. Greenwood Past Prov. Grand Pursuivant, Charles Holgate, W. Green, George Barnes, W. Wood, W. Greenwood, J. Wood, E. Hindley, H. Heyes, T. Ruby P.M., James Mantell, H. Stephenson, W. Crankshaw P.M., J. Aspinall. Visitors—Bros. Sloan 51, J. Jardine, T. McEwen 325, R. Nightingale Steward 31, W. H. Brown 221. After the minutes of preceding meeting had been confirmed, Bros. Heyes and Hindley passed a satisfactory examination as Craftsmen, and on being entrusted retired. Lodge was again advanced, when Bros. Heyes and Hindley were re-admitted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. Kenyon, who also explained the working tools of the degree. Lodge was closed to the first, when Mr. John Aspinall, who was proposed at the last regular meeting, was balloted for and approved, and having complied with the requisite forms, was initiated an Entered Apprentice by the W.M. Bro. Partington, while the working tools of the degree were explained by the J.W. Bro. Chadwick. A portion of the Ancient Rules and Charges were read by the Senior Warden, and Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at eight o'clock.

## ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723.

ON Wednesday, 25th March, the monthly meeting was held at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening, when there were present Bros. E. G. Harwood W.M., R. Latham I.P.M., John Barrett S.W., A. Cosgrave J.W., N. Nicholson Secretary, J. W. Taylor Past Provincial G.O. D.C., T. E. Smith Organist, Ben Derham I.G., J. W. Roiley; P.M.'s G. P. Brockbank Past Prov. S.G.D., Thomas Morris, William Blain, Thomas Higson; Bros. James Parkinson, J. W. Hawksworth, M. Fielding, J. P. Elliston, John Collins, James Lever, J. W. Forbes, Thomas Arden, J. B. Goulburn, Thomas Morris, J. B. Bolton, T. M. Whewell, J. F. Elliston, John Priestley, E. Kershaw. Visitors—J. Holland Watson W.M. 350, Peter Bradburn W.M. 221, P.M.'s William Cooper 146, W. Crankshaw 348, J. Richardson 350, Thomas Murphy 37, J. W. Thompson 37. Bro. Lever was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Bro. Nathaniel Nicholson P.M. and Secretary, who also explained to him the working tools of the degree. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Mr. John A. Mackenzie, of Tamworth, was balloted for, approved, and subsequently initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason, by Bro. Robert Latham, the working tools of the degree being explained by Bro. Cosgrave. An alteration in the bye laws, substituting January as a month for holding meetings in the place of July, was unanimously agreed to. On a ballot Bro. Barrett S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Ferguson re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Brockbank and Smith were appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the past year. Bro. Roiley was re-elected Tyler. A very hearty and cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Harwood, the retiring Master, and a suitable acknowledgment of the Lodge's gratitude was arranged for. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the various visiting brethren, and then Lodge closed, in peace and harmony, at eight o'clock.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old sores, wounds, and ulcers.—The readiness with which Holloway's Ointment removes all obstructions in the circulation of the vessels and lymphatics, explains their irresistible influence in healing old sores, bad wounds, and indolent ulcers. To insure the desired effect the skin surrounding the diseased part should be fomented, dried, and immediately well rubbed with the Ointment. This will give purity to the foul blood, and strength to the weakened nerves, the only conditions necessary for the cure of all those ulcerations which render life almost intolerable. No sooner is this Ointment's protective power exerted than the destructive process ceases, and the constructive business begins—new healthy growth appears to fill up the lately painful excavated pit.



## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

## ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM PRECEPTORY.

A MEETING of this Preceptory was held on Saturday, 21st March, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at four o'clock. Sir Knights George Ferguson E.P., John Bromley Prov. Grand Aide de Camp P.P., W. Nicholl Constable, C. S. Lane Marshal, G. P. Brockbank Past Grand Captain Treasurer, R. H. Swindlehurst Registrar, A. Hopkinson as Sub Marshal, J. W. Taylor Prov. Marshal Organist, Thomas Higson and J. W. Roiley Equerries; also W. Blain and Morris P. Prov. G.W. of R., J. M. Rutter P. Prov. G.V.C., James Horrocks Prov. D.C. Visitors—Sir Knights R. B. Seddon, J. D. Murray Prov. Grand Standard Bearer Faith Preceptory, H. Gardner, J. W. Mycock, James Richardson, John Wray, Clement R. N. Beswicke Royds Prov. G. Commander. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting, the ballot was taken for the following Companions:—Ebenezer Green Harwood, St. George, No. 1723, and Chapter of St. John, No. 221; Nathaniel Nicholson, Lodge and Chapter of St. John, No. 221; Robert Latham, Lodge of St. John, No. 221, and Chapter of Concord, No. 37; John Booth Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and Chapter of Concord, No. 37; Johnson Mills, Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and Chapter of Concord, No. 37; John Barrett, Earl of Ellesmere Lodge, No. 678, and Chapter of St. John, No. 221; Henry Greenwood, Lodge and Chapter of St. John, No. 348; John Morris, Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, and Chapter of Concord, 37. The candidates were proposed by Sir Knight G. P. Brockbank P.G. Captain, and seconded by Sir Knight R. H. Swindlehurst P.P. Registrar. The result being unanimous in favour, they were installed Knights of the Order, the duties of the chair being divided between the Very Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knight Murray, the office of Expert devolving on the Senior Member of the Encampment. The Sir Knights accorded a hearty vote of thanks to Captain Beswicke Royds for his attendance, recognising the deep interest he has evinced at all times in the prosperity of this old Encampment. The services of Sir Knight Murray and the other Knights were suitably acknowledged. Alms were collected, and the Preceptory closed in peace and harmony at eight o'clock.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday evenings, the 14th and 21st instant, at half-past six o'clock. Bro. Larchin P.M. 1541 W.M., Ex P.M. 201 I.P.M., Brown P.M. 852 S.W., Dodson P.M. 862 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Wynn, Main, Jenkins, Fox, Cornu, Brown, Hardy. Second Lecture—Bros. Bond, Tate, Drury, Larchin, Giddings. Third Lecture—Bros. Richardson, Kearne, Dodson.

At the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on Thursday evening, 9th April, commencing at 6.45. Bro. W. C. Smith J.W. 1563 W.M., E. Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., J. Hemming J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Reynolds, Kedge, Laundry, Frank Gulliford, D. Strand, G. Fowles, J. Hemming. Second Lecture—Bros. Coleman, Corby, Paul, Farwig, Hurdell. Third Lecture—Bros. Clark, Brindley, Pinder. Bro. Smith Preceptor; Bro. Reynolds Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted the invitation of the Royal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, at Newbury, Berks, to deliver his lecture "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonial of the first degree, on the evening of Friday, the 10th inst. A visit to Manchester during the present month is in course of arrangement, and Bro. Stevens would be pleased to hear from Lodges in East Lancashire.

Over one hundred ladies and gentlemen assembled on board the "Maria Wood," which was moored at Mortlake, near the winning post, on the Boat Race Day. A *recherché* luncheon was provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. A steam launch afterwards towed the barge to Kew, where dancing took place to the excellent music of Bro. Wellington's band. Mr. Hart acted as M.C. This old civic barge was renovated in 1851, during the mayoralty of Sir John Musgrove. Among those present on Saturday were Bros. Baron De Ville, A. De Barry, T. Beard, C.C., E. Hart, C.C., Halesrobe, the members of the Thames Rowing Club, Hollington, H. Pannell, C.C., Lichtwitz, Summers, W. Smith, Dave, H. M. Levy, &c.

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AUGUSTUS FREDERICK Z.

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In the name of the Grand Architect of the Universe,



To all the enlightened our Brethren of the several Degrees of the Royal Craft, but more especially those Citizens of the World and Servants of the

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who have been, or hereafter may be honoured by Exaltation to our Sublime Degree,

HEALTH.

PEACE.

GOOD WILL.

Be it known, That our Excellent Companions John Ellis Z., Henry Williams H., John Roberts J., B. B. Falck, James Cornish, Richard Edwards, Samuel Symonds, William Broad and Matthew Brougham, having made known to our supreme Grand Chapter, their desire of holding a Chapter of our Order, for the cultivation of this Grand and Universal Science, in hopes thereby the more to extend their aid to, and promote the happiness of all our Brethren and link Mankind together by indissoluble bonds of friendship Peace and Harmony, And that our Grand Chapter having taken their petition into consideration and finding it concordant with our grand system of universal Benevolence, We do hereby with the consent of our said Grand Chapter grant unto the said Companions this our *Charter of Constitution*, to be held with and attached to the warrant of the Lodge No. 110 called the Lodge of Love and Honour with full power for them their Companions and successors to open and hold a Chapter of our Order at the Royal Hotel Falmouth on the third Tuesday in January, July and October and on the 14th day of April or at such other place, and at such time, as our said Companions and their successors shall with the consent of us and our successors Grand Officers for the time being, think meet, The first Chapter to be opened on Tuesday the 18th day of January now next ensuing by the title of The Volubian Chapter of Virtue, Silence and Peace with such privileges, powers and immunities, as do of right belong to regular established Chapters and Companions of our said most excellent order, Subject nevertheless to the general laws and ordinances already or to be hereafter enacted by our most excellent Grand and Royal Chapter.

Given at London under our hands and the Seal of our Grand and Royal Chapter this 10th day of January A.L. 5825 A.D. 1825.

WILLIAM H. WHITE E.

EDW. HARPER N.



According to Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Right of Freemasonry," a Chapter was formed at Falmouth in 1810 as No. 157, the above being doubtless a Charter of Confirmation granted after the union of the two Grand Chapters.—[EDITOR F.C.]

COAL AND IRON IN NEW SOUTH WALES.—From Sydney we learn that endeavours are being made to float a Company to work the extensive mineral deposits, chiefly of coal and iron, in the neighbourhood of Mount Edgecombe, near the Great Western Zigzag. The proposed capital of the Company of £60,000, a portion of which has already been subscribed in Victoria and New South Wales.

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## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. APRIL ELECTION, 1885.

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Sub-  
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**WILLIAM FORREST MORLEY**  
(AGED 8 YEARS),

Son of the late Bro. Thomas Morley, of the Cambrian Lodge,  
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children only partially provided for.

*The case is strongly recommended by the following brethren:*

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Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother  
ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State  
Railway, Punjab, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July  
1884, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children  
without adequate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge  
Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two  
years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1649, Budneira; three years D.G.D.  
of Bombay, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. He was  
a subscribing member until death.

The case is strongly recommended by the Berar, Corinth, and  
Bombay Lodges, and the undermentioned brethren:—

- Edward Tyrrell Leith, District Grand Master Bombay.
- Andrew Hay, P.D.D.G.M. Bombay.
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- W. Radcliffe P.M. and Secretary St. Michael' Lodge, No. 211, 41 Aldersgate  
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Proxies will be received by those marked thus \*, and by the Grand-  
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 11th day of April 1885, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider recommendation of General Committee "That one more vacancy be declared for the April Election." Also to consider Notices of Motion, as under, and to elect Twenty-two, or in the event of the above Recommendation being adopted, Twenty-three girls into the School from a list of Thirty approved candidates.

The election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over).

### NOTICES OF MOTION:—

By Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, Vice-Patron.

"That in pursuance of notice this Court accept the sum of one thousand guineas from the Province of West Yorkshire for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, to be called the 'Sir Henry Edwards Presentation,' the right of such presentation being vested in Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., &c., for his life, and in the event of his wife, Lady Edwards, surviving him, for her life, and afterwards to revert to the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire for the time being, or such other duly authorized person, in accordance with the terms of a similar Presentation, made in 1880, and named the 'Bentley Shaw Presentation.'"

By Bro. ROBERT GREY P.G.D., Patron, upon recommendation of the House Committee.

"That in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the Institution by Mrs. Howell, she be elected an Hon. Vice-Patron, with the Votes attaching thereto."

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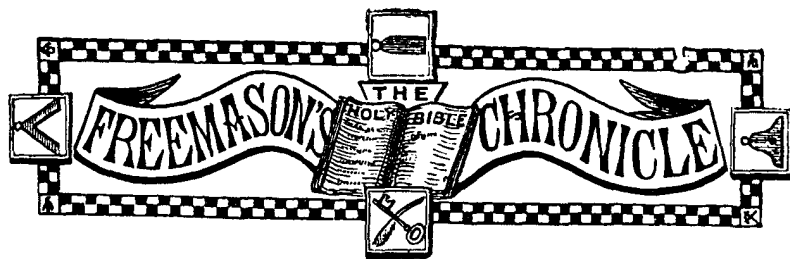
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### A VOICE FROM THE "ANTIENTS."

IT is inspiring to find every now and then brethren devoting time, talents and money to the elucidation of Masonic history. We have a notable instance before us in the case of Bro. W. M. Bywater, who has compiled and published one of the most interesting records in connection with the Craft. The work before us\* was suggested at the time Bro. Bywater was searching old books formerly belonging to the Grand Lodge of the "Antient" Masons, for the purpose of getting together material for a brief history of the Royal Athelstan Lodge on the occasion of its Centenary in 1869. He was so struck with the many facts and incidents scattered through the old records that he made full notes, strung them together, and embodied them in a paper which was read before the members of his Lodge in May 1884. This paper now sees the light in a compact and handsome shape. It may be described as a monograph, or even a Masonic autobiography of one of the foremost men in the Fraternity during a period of the history of the Craft of momentous importance. It would be altogether beyond our purpose to enter upon the causes that led to the unhappy Schism that culminated in the formation of a third Grand Lodge in England, in 1738. Masonic students will find material for a judgment elsewhere. Brother Bywater, in briefly introducing his subject says, that Freemasonry was revived in the South of England in the year 1717, "when the four existing Lodges constituted themselves a Grand Lodge, under the title of 'The Grand Lodge of England,' as distinctive from the York Masons, who designated themselves 'The Grand Lodge of all England.'" The seceders from the southern Grand Lodge styled themselves "Antient" Masons, "in accordance with the accepted appellation of the York Grand Lodge." They applied the term "Moderns" to the parent body they had left, in consequence of alleged departures from some of the old plans. This feature of history has been dealt with by William Preston, but as Brother Bywater points out, his authority can hardly be considered impartial. Preston was initiated in an Ancient Lodge, in 1763. That Lodge was reconstituted under the "Moderns" in the following year. But Preston and others, in 1779, were expelled from his adopted Grand Lodge, "for disavowing allegiance to it," averring that his Lodge (Antiquity) "derived its rights from the Grand Lodge of York, and was therefore of more antient descent than that of the Grand Lodge of 1717." It will be seen that this was a repetition of the events of 1738. We shall not follow Preston nor the events that took place during the years involved further. It is a subject of keen interest, but at the present moment our attention is confined to the "Antients" and Laurence Dermott. At first the "Antients" were ruled by a "Grand Committee presided over by a Master, selected in rotation according to the number of his Lodge, a new Chairman being appointed for each meeting." Bro. Bywater says, "it is doubtful whether they preserved any minutes or records of these proceedings before 1751," the period when Dermott comes upon the scene.

We have it recorded that Laurence Dermott was an Irishman, and was born in 1720, but in what part of Ireland it is not stated. He was initiated in 1740, when he was only twenty years of age, an incident that would not be allowed in our day according to our English Constitution. He served all the offices, including that of Secretary, and was installed W.M. of No. 26, Dublin, 24th June 1746. He was a worker from the first, and must have been a man of large capacity. He was fairly well educated, and his character stood out "conspicuous amongst his fellows." Dermott soon found his way to London, where he first

\* Notes on Lau. Dermott, G.S. and His Work. By William Matthew Bywater, P.M. No. 19. London: 1884. [Privately Printed].

joined a Lodge of the "Moderns," and afterwards went over to the "Antients." He worked twelve hours a day, he says, for a master painter, so that apparently he was not rich in time or substance. Yet he soon distinguished himself as a Mason, and in a comparatively short time he was in possession of sufficient means to make liberal contributions to the Craft. Although the record Bro. Bywater has consulted begins in 1751, it is not until February 1752 that Dermott appears in Grand Committee. From that period to 1771 he acted as Grand Secretary, and was hands, eyes, and soul to the "Antient" brethren. He was bard, historian, and philosopher. He composed songs, and sang them with such force that on one occasion it was made a charge against him that he sang the brethren out of their senses. With true Irish readiness he proposed that he should sing the senses in again; and forthwith he proceeded to carry out his suggestion, to the pleasure of the brethren who heard him. We shall have occasion to speak presently of his records, and proceed just now to notice Dermott as a philosopher. In 1756 he produced his "Ahiman Rezon: or, a Help to a Brother," a work that will preserve his name green for ages in the annals of Freemasonry. Speaking of this book Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, says, "The 'Ahiman Rezon' is one of the most famous books in connection with Masonic literature. It was the 'law-book' of the 'Antients,' in contradistinction to Anderson's 'Book of Constitutions,' the book of the 'Moderns.' Dermott was the literary man of the 'Antients.'" We should add that Bro. Bywater gives a *fac-simile* of the title-page of the work, and as it is a table of contents as well, and intensely interesting, we quote it in full.

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(To be continued).

A Mark Lodge, to be called St. Anne's Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 351, will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall, on Monday, the 13th inst. Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., P.G.M.M.M. will perform the ceremony.

## BYE-LAWS OF MASONIC LODGES.

EVERY Masonic Lodge must have a code of bye-laws for its government. Unlike most other organized bodies, however, the power to enact its own bye-laws does not reside primarily in a Lodge, but in the Grand Lodge under which it holds its charter. Some Grand Lodges exercise their full powers by adopting a uniform code of bye-laws for Lodges holding charters under them, while others concede to Lodges in part the right to adopt their own. In the latter case, however, such bye-laws do not become valid until approved by the Grand Lodge, so the enactment of them is really by the Grand Lodge. When thus approved, they become a law for the government of the Lodge, and must be followed strictly in the transaction of business and management of its affairs. They cannot be altered or amended except in the manner provided in them for alterations or amendments, and any change made must be submitted for the approval of the Grand Lodge, as in the first instance.

In many organizations the practice of suspending a bye-law for the time being prevails, in order to meet some emergency that has arisen, in which the body desires to act contrary to its provisions. That such a right exists is very generally conceded where there is no law prohibiting it. In a body thus empowered to adopt its own bye-laws its government is wholly within itself, and if the members by unanimous consent decide to suspend one or more of its bye-laws, for the time being, there is nothing to prevent it, although such action is always of doubtful expediency, and is often productive of bad results. Unless all the members have been duly notified of such proposed action it is not treating the absent ones fairly, as they have the right to expect that the proceedings will be in accordance with existing regulations.

As a Masonic Lodge cannot change one of its bye-laws without the consent of the Grand Lodge, it must necessarily follow that it cannot suspend one for the time being without the same consent. It cannot, of its own volition, set aside what it cannot make. No emergency can arise to justify such action. The Worshipful Master, and every other Officer, before being installed into office is obligated to support and maintain the Constitution and general regulations of the Grand Lodge, and to discharge the duties of his office to the best of his ability. He will not, therefore, knowingly permit any violation of Masonic law, and should be especially careful to see that the bye-laws of his Lodge are strictly enforced.

In noting the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges, as they come to hand, we find in the official reports of Grand Masters many dispensations granted to Lodges to perform some act contrary to the provisions of their bye-laws. We have always supposed that it was the duty of a Grand Master to see that existing laws were enforced, and that, of all others, he should be the last to assist in violating them. Some of these Most Worshipfuls seem to think differently. They appear to be as much of an autocrat as was King Solomon in his palmy days. As dispensators they are a success. If a Lodge wants to spread a ballot in less than the required time a dispensation is granted. We notice one instance of a dispensation to receive the petition and ballot for the candidate at a special meeting. How about the previous notice and due inquiry into his character, that the W.M., obligated himself, should have in every instance? What right has a Grand Master to obligate a Mason not to perform a certain act, and then give him permission to violate his obligation? The right does not exist, and we have no hesitation in saying that the exercise of such power by a Grand Master is outside the line of his duty and authority.—*Masonic Advocate*.

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THE sure grip which a thoroughly dramatic story takes on the public is exemplified at the Olympic, where "In His Power" has reached its sixtieth representation, with even increasing favour. We have not seen it since the first night, on which occasion it startled its audience into an enthusiasm which has long been a stranger to these walls. On our second visit the smoothness and crispness of touch gained by time was very evident. Especially is the improvement of method noticeable in Mr. Cartwright, who now paints his villain Scara with no less force, but with a freedom from the coarseness and violence of colour which made this personage and his earlier connection with the heroine an incredibility. We rejoice so clever an artist has thought fit to accept our suggestions in this matter. Mr. Bellew plays with manly earnestness. He has the gift of implying depth of emotion apparently with an unconscious intonation. We may hope to see him in parts more worthy his great powers, but in none will he act with more sympathetic sincerity. Unhappily Miss Ada Cavendish, who created the part of the sorely tried heroine, is still unwell, but Mrs. Beerbohm Tree is a very graceful and efficient substitute. We could still wish the comic business more toned down; however, it secures laughter, and this is perhaps a justification for any improbability.

## EMPIRE.

IT was pleasant to find, on revisiting the Empire last Monday, to find that certain superfluities had disappeared from the text of "The Lady of the Locket," and though the book even now cannot boast much brilliancy, yet it moves briskly, and leads smartly up to the songs and dances. Mr. Hayden Coffin's drinking song is still as heartily applauded as ever, and the grace of his impersonation tends greatly to the success of the opera. Miss St. John is once more in good voice. At the present time, when the arts of decoration are much more valued than natural gifts, the Venetian costumes, in their lavish richness, might alone secure the run of this piece. The effort to appreciate the fashion and colour of a slashed doublet is pleasant to all persons of taste, and not exhausting to the most attenuated intellect. The two ballets introduced are remarkable, even in these days, for their fantastic beauty.

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AMONGST the varied attractions which are included in the programme of pleasure by visitors to the metropolis, few places of amusement offer so excellent a diversity as does the Aquarium at Westminster. From "early morn till dewy eve" there is a constant round of gaiety and animation, and the arrangements are such as to suit the various tastes of all who are in search of instruction and wholesome recreation. Throughout the day there is a ripple of soothing and enlivening music, and men of studious minds will find a feast of edification at the meetings of the Balloon Society. Then the feats of natation by the Beckwith family are a standing dish in the bill of fare provided, whilst men of sporting tastes will find means of relaxation in the billiard matches generally provided. If we mention Marchetti's royal marionettes, which are extraordinarily good; the acrobatic feats of the Jackley troupe; the clever dancing and singing of the Michigan coons (Huda and Berlo); Natt Emmett's performing goats; and the goat "Blondin," from Spain; the ariel flights of the Hanlon Voltas; the Matthew's Minstrels; the omnibus sketches by Walter Wardrober; and the high wire evolutions by Miss Emily and Master Walter Delavanti, enough will have been said to indicate what a diversified and admirable menu is presented. Messrs. Pike and Woodward's performing seals are a marvel to all who have witnessed their strange and novel performances. That creatures of so apparently obtuse a nature could have been trained to such perfection may well remain a puzzle. The audience on the occasion of our visit were evidently impressed with the extraordinary evidences of training so well exemplified.

## ROYAL

## Masonic Benevolent Institution.

VOTES AND INTEREST ARE SOLICITED FOR  
MRS. JANE TRIBE, aged 64,

WIDOW of Brother George Henry Tribe, who was initiated 1858 in No. 604, Lyttelton, New Zealand; joined No. 609, Christchurch, New Zealand; was first Worshipful Master of No. 1241, Ross, New Zealand; subsequently District Grand Chaplain Westland; and District Grand Treasurer North Island, New Zealand.

Votes thankfully received by

Mr. C. BECKINGHAM, 415 Strand; or by

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL (V.P.), 8 Thurlow Place, S.W.

The Widow, being almost a stranger, earnestly hopes the "Brotherhood" will help her at the next Election.

TO Managers of Provincial Masonic Election Associations and others.—Any Association, without a case of their own to support, who will assist the undersigned in securing the election of Mrs. JANE TRIBE, at the forthcoming election, will be guaranteed a certain repayment of 125 mixed Votes annually, and as many more as can be obtained, by C. J. PERCEVAL, V.P. of all Institutions, 2 Thurlow Place, S.W.

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## ROYAL ARCH.

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## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire assembled at the Town Hall, Hertford, on Wednesday, 26th ult. M.E. Comp. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G. Supt., E. Comps. J. E. Dawson H., J. Terry J., G. E. Lake S.E., J. Parrott P.S., E. Swain 1st A.S., F. Sumner Knyvett Treasurer, E. Bowyer Swd. B., E. R. P. Francis Org., T. S. Carter P.H., J. B. Scriven P.H., J. R. Cocks P.J., W. P. Willson P.J., J. Shilcock P.N., P. Taylor P.P. Scj., W. Warrener P. 1st A.S., W. J. Crutch P. 2nd A.S., R. Fisher Young P. Swd. Br., Comps. Marras and G. T. Carter. After the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter had been confirmed the roll of Officers and Chapters was called. Comp. Sumner Knyvett was re-elected Treasurer. The following were appointed and invested Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Comp. J. E. Dawson P.Z. 404 (re-appointed)	P.G.H.
E. Swain P.Z. 403 ... ..	P.G.J.
G. E. Lake P.Z. 404 (re-appointed)	P.G.S.E.
E. Taylor P.Z. 409 ... ..	P.G.S.N.
E. C. Rogers Z. 403 ... ..	P.G.S.
A. W. Nash J. 409 ... ..	P.G. 1st A.S.
F. Venables J. 1383 ... ..	P.G. 2nd A.S.
F. Sumner Knyvett P.Z. 404 ...	P.G. Treas.
R. B. Croft H. 403 ... ..	P.G. Registrar.
J. Catbush J. 1385 ... ..	P.G. Sword Bearer.
J. E. Morris H. 409 ... ..	P.G. Standard Bearer
J. Terry P.Z. 1385 ... ..	P.G.D.C.
Mihill Slaughter 404 ... ..	P.G. Organist.
T. Wright and C. Thomas (re-appointed)	P.G. Janitors.

The Report of the Board of Finance was adopted.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—On Wednesday, the 1st instant, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, Bros. Saint W.M., Cubitt S.W., Clare J.W., Pitt Secretary, Hollands P.M. J.D., John Egan D.C., John Little I.G., Brown, Webb P.M., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown candidate. Bro. Clare offered himself as candidate for passing to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Clare was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Brown was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock.

**Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275.**—There was a goodly attendance at this popular Lodge of Instruction on Saturday evening, when the Preceptor, Bro. George Andrews P.M., was heartily welcomed back to his accustomed post after his long and serious illness. The chair was occupied by Bro. Walter Martin, who has ably and kindly performed the duties of Preceptor during Bro. Andrews's indisposition, and he was supported by Bros. Waterman S.W., Beavis W.M. 879 J.W., Wimble S.D., Needham J.D., Belchamber I.G., C. L. Tokely Sec., and others. After preliminaries Bro. McChristie answered the questions leading to second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, after which one or two brethren were elected members. The acting W.M. then rose and referred to the circumstance that for some months past Bro. Andrews had been kept away from his duties as Preceptor by illness. They were all sincerely pleased to see him once more amongst them, and to witness that he was being rapidly restored to health and vigour. For himself, it was a source of the utmost satisfaction that Bro. Andrews was about to resume his valuable services as Preceptor, for they had worked side by side together for some years. He now asked Bro. Andrews's acceptance of a beautifully-mounted address on vellum, enclosed in a massive gilt frame, and glazed, and which it was admitted was executed in the highest artistic style. The text of the address ran as follows :—"This Testimonial was presented to Bro. George Andrews P.M. and D.C. 871, on March 28th, 1885, by the members of the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, on his recovery from a severe illness, as a token of the esteem in which he is held, and in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him as Preceptor to the above Lodge for many years." The gift was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Andrews, who expressed the pleasure it afforded him that he was once more with his old friends of the Star Lodge of Instruction. He thanked the brethren for their kind expressions of sympathy and esteem, which were as gratifying to him as their gift had been unexpected. He hoped to be among them on many future occasions to enjoy their mutual harmony and advantage. The Secretary said he had much pleasure in reporting that Bro. Lampen, who had been laid aside for some weeks, was a trifle better, although he was afraid it would be some time before he had sufficiently recovered to come amongst them again. A vote of sympathy with Bro. Lampen was passed. It was reported that a reply had been received from Bro. Church, acknowledging the letter of condolence voted to him on the death of his wife. After the transaction of some other business Lodge was closed.

The appeal made by Bro. E. Bradnam, Mayor of Hastings, to the inhabitants of that port in aid of funds for relieving the distress prevalent among the poorer classes, has resulted in a sum of £1260 being contributed for the purpose.



## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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## SATURDAY, 4th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross  
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westorham, Kent  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
 1466—Hoya Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton  
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 6th APRIL.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street  
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 141—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road  
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons Tavern, W.C.  
 R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston  
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven  
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 156—Harmony, Hyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple  
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire  
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen  
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge  
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrotham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire  
 629—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester  
 687—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke  
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield  
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynn's Arms Hotel, Oswestry  
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax  
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea  
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
 1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester  
 R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
 M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.  
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 7th APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Lion, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 840—Dulhouisia, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road  
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W  
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8.30.  
 R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford  
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Hyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 193—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
 121—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor  
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester  
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire  
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield  
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
 847—Portescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
 949—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.  
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.  
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
 1473—Bootle, 116 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)  
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea  
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyll  
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields  
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester  
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York  
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

## WEDNESDAY, 8th APRIL.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3  
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth  
 147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 539—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E.  
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 867—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.  
 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street  
 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea  
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct  
 1791—Creaton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)  
 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
 M.M. (T.L.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale  
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
 433—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith  
 668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 832—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford  
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth  
 1084—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley  
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 110 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
 1393—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Farres  
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham  
 1503—Francis Bardett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1544—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1529—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford  
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes  
 1633—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

R.A. 350—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 R.A. 62—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
 R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech  
 R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby  
 R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles  
 M.M. 132—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

## THURSDAY, 9th APRIL.

- 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1599—Skolmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1850—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath  
 R.A. 619—Beacon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.  
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 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
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 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
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 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.  
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester  
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable  
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport  
 M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

## FRIDAY, 10th APRIL.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 730—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 453—Cingwell, Loughon Tavern, Station Road, Loughon, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 458—Arc and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goulb.  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton  
 622—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich  
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme  
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate  
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland  
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry

- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 119—Sun, Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven  
 R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole  
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle  
 R.A. 601—Myton St. John, Wreken Hotel, Wellington, Salop

## SATURDAY, 11th APRIL.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 198—Perey, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
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 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Aldersgate, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith

## THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

THE Washington Monument Association was organised in 1833, and the Corner Stone of their hoped for Obelisk in commemoration of Liberty and the perpetuation of the memories of the worth and virtues of Brother George W. Washington was laid on the 4th July 1848, by the Masonic Fraternity.

This Memorial Obelisk, 555 feet high, outtops all human structures in height from base.

In consequence of the 22nd of February, the Anniversary of Washington's birthday, coming on Sunday, it was concluded by the authorities that the ceremony of celebrating the completion of so grand an undertaking should occur on the preceding day. The thermometer recorded close to zero, and a stiff north breeze knew no intermission.

The Press of the day has been so full of comments on the event that we need but record in brief the share assumed by the Masonic Brotherhood in the event that makes every citizen feel the more proud of his country.

As Lafayette and Washington were so intimately interested in the cause of liberty and freedom, and bound as well by the mystic tie in the service of universal humanity, we quote the congratulations of the former to the latter upon the conclusion of the struggle favourable to Liberty. It was written from Cadiz, in 1783: "Were you but such a man as Julius Cæsar or the King of Prussia I should almost be sorry for you at the end of the great tragedy where you are acting such a part; but with you, my dear General, I rejoice at the blessings of a peace in which our noble ends have been secured. \*

\* \* As for you, who truly can say you have done all this, what must your virtuous and good heart feel in the happy moment when the revolution you have made is now firmly established?"

The pleasurable duty of the Masons, gathered from every State of the Union, in dedicating this Monument, was marred by the intensity of the weather as the throngs stood shivering at the base of this immense stone pile.

The proper functionaries declared that the square, the level and the plumb had been applied to the Obelisk, that its corners were found to be square, its course level, and its walls skilfully erected, according to plan.

Grand Master Myron M. Parker scattered corn, and poured out wine and oil—emblems of nourishment, refreshment and joy—and in the course of the mystic ceremonies brought into use certain historic relics with which General Washington, as Grand Master pro tem, laid the corner stone of the National Capital, on 18th September 1793. The sacred volume belonging to Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, of Virginia, upon which Washington took his first vows of Masonry; that belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of the city of New York, on which, on the 30th April 1789, he took the oath of office as the first President of the United States; the Great Light, belonging to the Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, of Alexandria, Va., upon which he, as Worshipful Master, received the vows of initiates; the apron worn by him, which was worked by Mme. Lafayette; a golden urn containing a lock of his hair, belonging to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; the Lesser Light; one of the three sperm candles borne in Washington's funeral procession, were exhibited.

The address of the Grand Master concluded as follows:—Know ye, all ye people, that we be Free Masons, loyal and true citizens, obedient to law and order, and can never be concerned in plots and conspiracies against true government. The immortal Washington, himself a Freemason, devoted his hand, his heart, his sacred honour, and, if need be, his life also, to the cause of freedom of conscience, of speech and of action, and from his successful leading has arisen this nation. To him and the memory of his deeds a grateful people have erected this memorial in the capital which he founded, and which will bear his name to remotest ages, a monument towering above other monuments as he towered above other men.

A brief prayer by the Grand Chaplain, asking the blessings of nourishment, refreshment and joy upon all who were assembled, and a response by the brethren, So mote it be, Amen, brought this part of the proceedings to an end.

The first marble block was set in the Shaft on the 7th August 1880, and the last stone was placed in the level 500 feet on the 9th August 1884. The topmost stone of the pyramidion was set on the 6th December 1884.

The procession through Pennsylvania Avenue after the ceremony at the base of the pillar was very imposing, both as a military and civic display. The indoor services then commenced in the Capital. In the evening commemorative pyrotechnics were visible on every side, as the various Masonic organisations took their trains for home.

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**JANE WHEELER HUTCHINGS,**

(AGED 9 YEARS),

Whose father was Initiated in the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, on the 17th day of April 1878, and was a subscribing member until his death, which took place on the 8th November 1881, after a severe illness of 6 days, he leaving a wife with four children totally unprovided for. This case is earnestly recommended by

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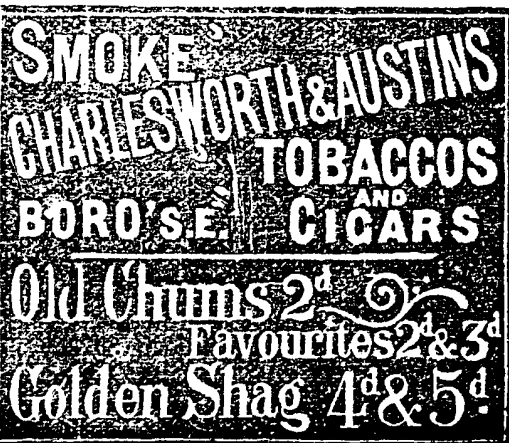
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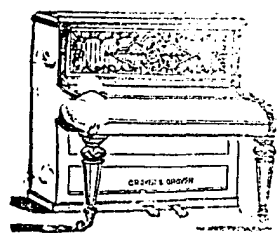
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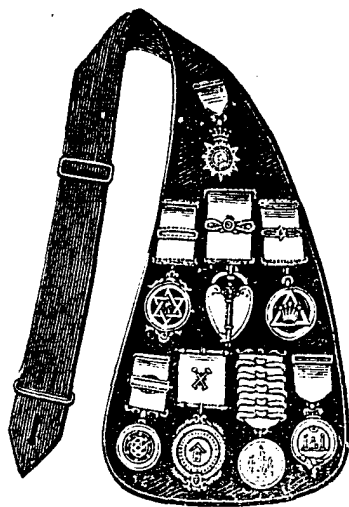
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